

DUCKS (all species)

The 2008 duck season was open 27 September 2008 - 8 January 2009 statewide, although some units/zones may have opened later and/or closed sooner. The daily bag was 5 ducks, which could include no more than 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks, 1 hen mallard or 1 canvasback or 1 pintail. The daily limit on mergansers was 5, which could include no more than 2 hooded mergansers, and the daily limit on coots was 15. Possession was twice the daily bag for all species, not to exceed 10 ducks total. To hunt ducks, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult or junior combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification. Nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident waterfowl license. All hunters age 16 and over were also required to obtain a federal waterfowl stamp.

In 2008, there were an estimated 17,434 hunters who hunted at least one day for ducks (13,376 residents, 4,058 nonresidents). From the survey responses, there were a projected total of 219,125 ducks harvested (175,761 by residents, 43,364 by nonresidents). Nonresidents reported harvesting 12% of their ducks within 20 miles of the Missouri River. Average bag for residents was 13.14, 11.55 for nonresidents with the 10-day or season-long license, and 6.85 for nonresidents with the 3-day license.

The five counties with the highest reported resident hunter numbers were Brown, Day, Codington, Kingsbury, and Brookings.

When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being most dissatisfied, 7 being most satisfied), duck hunters reported an average satisfaction rating of 5.03 for residents and 5.16 for nonresidents.

The average days hunted by all hunters (7.44 residents, 4.79 10-day or season long nonresidents, and 2.67 3-day nonresidents) projected to a total of 117,373 recreation days for the season.

Comparison of the 1996 - 2008 duck harvests

Year	Resident Hunters					Nonresident Hunters				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
1996	20,247	221,201	7.12	11.12	n/a	2,789	27,205	4.85	9.75	n/a
1997	26,707	307,998	8.10	11.60	n/a	2,947	36,150	4.89	12.27	n/a
1998	26,575	321,195	7.47	12.15	3.58	3,529	34,474	4.53	9.77	3.15
1999	26,172	334,478	8.06	12.78	4.48	3,288	41,917	4.59	10.95	4.78
2000	21,257	242,117	7.28	11.39	4.49	3,551	38,812	4.43	10.93	4.85
2001	24,554	300,787	7.47	12.25	4.77	3,911	47,148	4.62	12.16	5.21
2002	22,085	284,897	7.51	12.90	4.64	4,139	43,162	4.35	10.43	5.01
2003	19,640	241,376	7.11	12.29	4.86	4,132	44,563	4.33	10.78	5.07
2004	19,179	223,435	7.08	11.65	4.33	4,049	42,074	4.26	10.39	4.60
2005	15,601	180,192	6.73	11.55	4.66	3,917	42,441	4.54	10.84	4.90
2006	14,531	203,870	7.26	14.03	4.95	4,349	50,975	4.64	11.72	5.21
2007	14,519	188,892	7.12	13.01	4.91	3,853	39,594	4.29	10.28	5.04
2008	13,376	175,761	7.44	13.14	5.03	4,058	43,364	4.40	10.69	5.16

DUCK HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2008

Last Revised: 12 May 09

	Resident	Non Residents
No. Resident Hunters Reporting Duck Days	1,067	-
Total Reported Duck Hunted Days	7,937	-
Average Days Hunted Ducks	7.44	-
Total Reported Ducks Bagged	14,021	-
Average Duck Bag for Season	13.14	-
Projected Days Duck Hunting	99,517	-
Projected No. Duck Hunters	13,376	-
Projected Duck Bag	175,761	-
<i>TOTAL RESIDENT DUCK HARVEST = 175,761</i>		
Nonresident 10-day and Season-long Licenses		
No. Hunters Reporting Duck Days	-	770
Total Reported Duck Hunted Days	-	3,687
Average Days Hunted Ducks	-	4.79
Total Reported Ducks Bagged	-	8,897
Average Duck Bag for Season	-	11.55
Projected Days Duck Hunting	-	15,864
Projected No. Duck Hunters	-	3,312
Projected Duck Bag	-	38,254
Duck Harvest Reported Within 20 Miles of Missouri River	-	1,069
Projected Ducks Bagged w/in 20 miles of Missouri River	-	4,596
Nonresident 3-day Licenses		
No. Hunters Reporting Duck Days	-	194
Total Reported Duck Hunted Days	-	518
Average Days Hunted Ducks	-	2.67
Total Reported Ducks Bagged	-	1,329
Average Duck Bag for Season	-	6.85
Projected Days Duck Hunting	-	1,992
Projected No. Duck Hunters	-	746
Projected Duck Bag	-	5,110
Duck Harvest Reported Within 20 Miles of Missouri River	-	154
Projected Ducks Bagged w/in 20 miles of Missouri River	-	592
<i>TOTAL NONRESIDENT DUCK HARVEST = 43,364</i>		
<i>TOTAL DUCK HARVEST = 219,125</i>		
Duck Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	5.03	5.16
<i>*1* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied</i>		

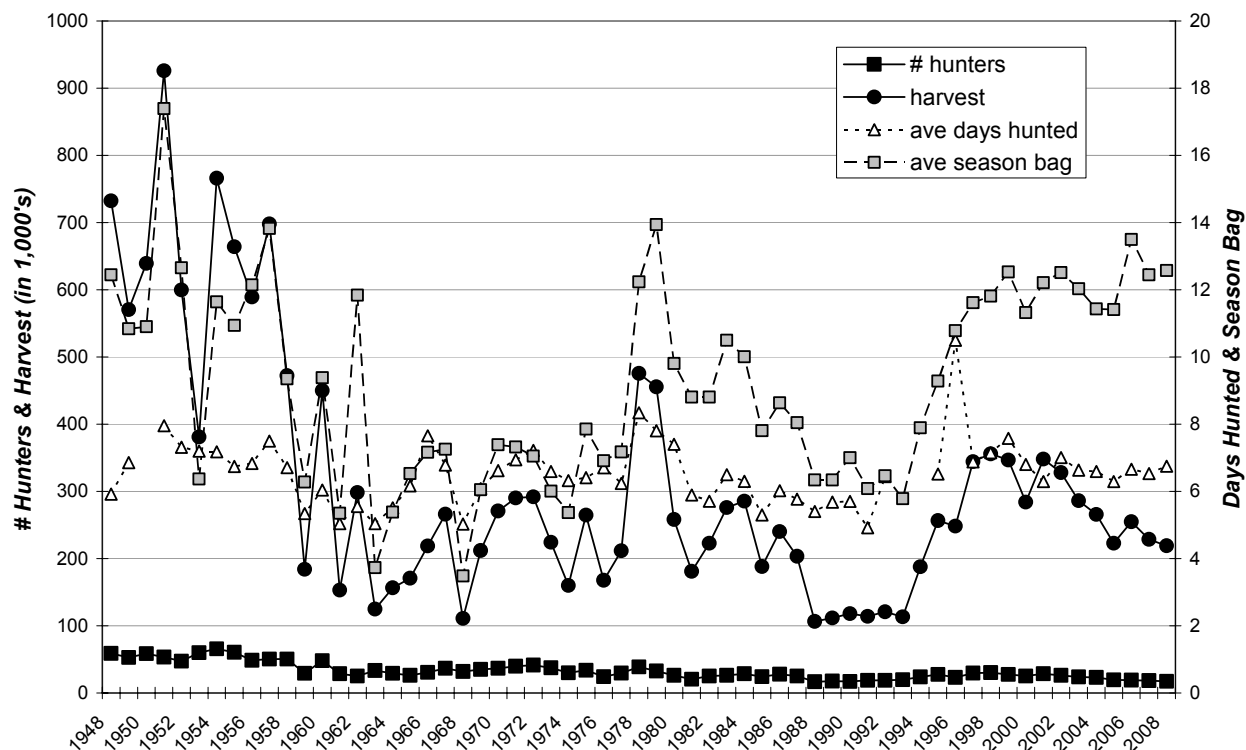
Resident Duck Hunter Distribution by County 2008

HUNTER DISTRIBUTION				
COUNTY	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *
Minnehaha	44	552	4.5	604
Pennington	9	113	0.9	124
Brown	79	990	8.1	1,083
Beadle	22	276	2.3	302
Codington	63	790	6.5	865
Brookings	52	652	5.3	714
Yankton	14	176	1.4	193
Davison	4	50	0.4	55
Lawrence	5	63	0.5	69
Aurora	13	163	1.3	178
Bennett	4	50	0.4	55
Bon Homme	17	213	1.7	233
Brule	13	163	1.3	178
Buffalo	2	25	0.2	27
Butte	2	25	0.2	27
Campbell	2	25	0.2	27
Charles Mix	28	351	2.9	384
Clark	39	489	4.0	535
Clay	3	38	0.3	42
Corson	1	13	0.1	14
Day	68	852	7.0	932
Deuel	20	251	2.1	275
Dewey	1	13	0.1	14
Douglas	6	75	0.6	82
Edmunds	10	125	1.0	137
Fall River	7	88	0.7	96
Faulk	3	38	0.3	42
Grant	20	251	2.1	275
Gregory	3	38	0.3	42
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0
Hamlin	42	527	4.3	577
Hand	2	25	0.2	27
Hanson	9	113	0.9	124
Harding	3	38	0.3	42
Hughes	18	226	1.8	247
Hutchinson	8	100	0.8	109
Hyde	1	13	0.1	14
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0
Jones	0	0	0.0	0
Kingsbury	59	740	6.1	810
Lake	50	627	5.1	686
Lincoln	11	138	1.1	151
Lyman	11	138	1.1	151
McCook	30	376	3.1	411
McPherson	12	150	1.2	164
Marshall	27	338	2.8	370
Meade	5	63	0.5	69
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0
Miner	11	138	1.1	151
Moody	14	176	1.4	193
Perkins	6	75	0.6	82
Potter	4	50	0.4	55
Roberts	35	439	3.6	480
Sanborn	8	100	0.8	109
Spink	13	163	1.3	178
Stanley	7	88	0.7	96
Sully	14	176	1.4	193
Tripp	1	13	0.1	14
Turner	8	100	0.8	109
Union	7	88	0.7	96
Walworth	3	38	0.3	42
Ziebach	1	13	0.1	14
Shannon	1	13	0.1	14
Unk/Unreported	92	1,153	-	-
TOTALS:	1,067	13,376	99%	13,368

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* Includes unknown county projection values by assuming unknown county values are distributed the same as reported county values. Total values may be different due to rounding.

STATEWIDE DUCK (all species) HARVEST, 1948-2008



STATEWIDE DUCK SEASON PARTICIPATION, 1948-2008

